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Cleveland Museum of Art's Textile Art Alliance Has Holiday Benefit, *An Evening of Fine Craft*

CLEVELAND (Nov. 1, 2002) — Enjoy some holiday shopping **Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002**, when the Cleveland Museum of Art's Textile Art Alliance presents its benefit, *An Evening of Fine Craft*, at the Beck Center for the Arts from 6 to 10 p.m., featuring a fine craft sale and silent auction. Unique clothing, glass, jewelry, woodcraft, ceramics, beading, handmade paper and textile accessories made by local artists will be available for purchase. Enhancing the evening will be fiber demonstrations, plus hors d'oeuvres, dessert and a wine bar.

Tickets are $25 per person ($40 per couple) and may be reserved by calling Chris Ujcich at (216) 707-2256. Proceeds from the benefit will support a textile purchase for the museum.

Artists represented at the benefit will be Michael Andlinger, Catherine Butler, Betty Drake, Dave Hout, Barbara James, Lana Lowenkamp, Michael Mikula, Cathy Paetz, Suzanne Skove, Mark Sudduth, Kathleen Totter, Marianne Weber, Mark Yasencheck and Theresa Yondo.

The Textile Art Alliance (TAA) is an affiliate group of the Cleveland Museum of Art. Its mission is to promote interest in the textile arts and add to the museum's collection.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 5,000 years. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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